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TREATMENT OF FINE-GRAINED SOLIDS

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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 17, 2009

Docket No.: 20941/0211434-US0

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.